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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY MANUFACTURER SENTENCED

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that KLIFFORD SEAN ROSE, 43, of Sacramento, was sentenced this morning by United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to 17 ½ years in prison. The defendant previously pleaded guilty on February 15, 2008 to manufacturing child pornography.

This case is the product of an joint investigation and prosecution by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the City of Sacramento Police Department, and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Heiko P. Coppola, who prosecuted the case, on September 13, 2006, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and Sacramento Police Officers served a search warrant at ROSE's residence. During the search, agents recovered a video camera containing the videotape of ROSE and the victim. ROSE was arrested later that same day after agents reviewed the contents of the videotape. In the plea agreement, ROSE admitted videotaping himself engaging in sexually explicit conduct with an eight-year-old victim with whom he had a custodial relationship.

The investigation in this case was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States

Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

Before pleading guilty in federal court, ROSE pleaded guilty in Sacramento County Superior Court to sexually abusing the same victim by force and was sentenced to 20 years in state prison. As part of the plea agreement, ROSE will serve his federal sentence concurrently with the 20-year sentence imposed by the Sacramento Superior Court, in state prison.

Following his release from prison, ROSE must serve an additional eight years of supervised release, register as a sex offender, and pay restitution to the victim.

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